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**Asserts Pearson  
Master Attacker**

*To the Editor of The Post-Standard:*

Words are the free property of anyone who wishes to use them. To use them as a means of character assassination and villification of one's own country is really sinking low. I refer of course to the master of them all, Drew Pearson. I say he is a master because of the subtleness of his attacks on our country and system.

Two examples are very notable in his Feb. 11th column. He says, "Though Khrushchev has carefully stayed away from Cuba, reportedly to keep from inflaming U.S. opinion, DeGaulle is expected to stop in Havana in mid-March." At first this appears innocent enough until it is examined more closely.

What Pearson is trying to say is that comrade Khrushchev is very sensitive about upsetting the American people, while DeGaulle, one of our NATO partners, is trying to antagonize the U.S. Mr. Pearson's obvious conclusion is that Khrushchev is our friend and DeGaulle is our enemy. Bang, the wedge being driven in the NATO alliance goes a little deeper.

Example 2: Mr. Pearson says the Cubans are indignant over the CIA base in the Dry Tortugas Islands.

I always felt that indignation was an emotion felt by the party that was wronged. When Hitler failed to halt the Allied invasion I doubt if any reporter would describe him as being indignant. Furious, he probably was, but not indignant.

Many times we see and hear the phrase "righteous indignation." These two words go together like ham and eggs. Although Mr. Pearson did not use the word "righteous," he certainly implied it by the choice of the word "indignant" to describe Castro's feeling.

How much more dirt does the United States have to take before we have Mr. Pearson's permission to become indignant?

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